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Murder for silver: Man sentenced to life

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (KS)- The city's Third Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to rigorous life imprisonment after finding him guilty of murdering his employer and stealing 14 kg of silver bars.

The deceased has been identified as Govinda, a silversmith from Bankli village in Sumerpur taluk of Pali district, Rajasthan. The convict, Arjunkumar alias Arjun, also hails from Pumava village in the same taluk.

The motive, crime: Govinda was entrusted with minor works of the Sumatinath Jain Mandir Trust at Halladakeri in Mysuru and was residing in a room on the second floor of the Trust-owned Jnana Mandira building. Arjun was staying with him.

Govinda
Victim

Arjun
Accused

As the Trust required a silver throne for the temple, it had asked Govinda to prepare a silver covering for a wooden throne. On April 22, 2022, the Trust handed over 14 kg of silver bars, donated by devotees, to Govinda, who kept them in his room. On April 28, 2022, Govinda was found dead in the room with injuries to his head and face, with a ceiling fan placed on his head. Arjun was found missing, prompting the Trust to lodge a complaint with the Lashkar Mohalla Police.

Missing silver bars: During the investigation, the Police found that the silver bars were missing and that the ceiling fan had been removed earlier for repairs and was lying on the floor, ruling out an accidental fall.

(See MURDER on page 7)

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE MISDIRECTED ANGER: ***Anger manifests itself in scowling, screaming and at its worst in shoving. The person who becomes the target of your anger is not solely responsible for stoking its intensity. Our minds are simmering cauldrons. The stresses of the daily rigmarole keep building up the heat. Sulking at things not in our hands — be it chaotic traffic, late working hours, imposing boss, parking woes, nagging spouse and so on — becomes our habit.***

Oblivious of the smouldering in our minds, we hardly make efforts to release the tension. Finally in the heat of the moment the anger boils over. The confronted person at that moment becomes the target of your anger accumulated over a period of time. There is overreaction, disproportionate to the provocation at hand. Subsequently you regret and even repent.

On another plane there are scenarios when you have to suppress your anger because the adversary is stronger and superior to you. The anger, emanating from perceived oppression, remains pent up as you feel helpless to raise your voice. However, the lid on the suppressed anguish blows off from slightest annoyance caused by someone weaker. Again, you heap your anger disproportionately on someone whose guilt is not commensurate to the venom you pour.

Most of the time that we lose our cool, our anger is misdirected and disproportionate. When anger stems from past prejudices, stressful circumstances, frustration, helplessness etc, we usually react disproportionately. The victim of our anger is left shocked and confused. Misdirected and disproportionate anger spoils relationships, health, image etc.

Anger per se might not be bad, but misdirected and disproportionate anger is definitely deleterious. The anger needs to be released but in right direction and in balanced dose. Manage your anger. Beware of anger going awry.

To resolve the phenomenon of misdirected and disproportionate anger, we have to understand and analyse past episodes of our bursting out in anger. Every time, we react disproportionately, we should calm down and ponder over our behaviour. We will realise that our reaction was either misdirected or disproportionate. To apologise to the person who became target of our unjustified anger is the minimum we can do. If we delve deeper, we would go to the root cause of the tantrums that we threw. The finger will point towards our own unsteady and volatile state of mind.

— Chander Gupta in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Europe's first underwater hotel opens

Oslo: Europe's first underwater restaurant has recently opened in Norway. The restaurant offers visitors the chance to eat seafood while looking out at life under the ocean.

The restaurant is called "Under", which has a double meaning. Not only is the restaurant underwater, but the word "under" also means "wonder" in Norwegian.

The new restaurant is the largest underwater restaurant in the world. It is 112 feet (34 meters) long. The entrance is above the sea. Once inside, visitors walk down 40 steps to reach the lower level, 16 feet (5 meters) below the surface of the ocean.

When the restaurant is not open, it will be used by scientists researching sea life.

People rent cars in Japan to take naps!

Tokyo: Japanese car rental companies have learned something interesting about their customers – many people in Japan don't rent cars to drive somewhere, they rent because they're looking for a quiet, private space.

The Japanese media said that a car-sharing company discovered that quite a few of its cars "travelled no distance" when they were rented. Other car sharing and rental companies soon noticed the same thing. One car rental company learned that one out of every eight customers said they didn't rent their cars for driving.

It turned out that customers were using the cars in many unexpected ways. The most common use for rental cars was for napping.

"People used our vehicles in more ways than we expected," said a person speaking for one car rental company.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Some rhythm disturbances cause little discomfort

Certain abnormal heart rhythms may produce only mild dizziness or fatigue without pain, making regular evaluation important for people with cardiac risk factors.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Special lecture in memory of Prof. V.K. Natraj tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 19- A special lecture in memory of Prof. V.K. Natraj, who passed away last year, has been organised on Dec. 20 by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore (UoM) and Dos in Economics and Co-operation at the Centre's Vishwajnani auditorium, Manasagangothri campus at 11 am.

Prof. Natraj

Distinguished Economist and Retired Professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Prof. Prabhat Patnaik will deliver the lecture titled "For a set of Constitutionally Guaranteed Fundamental Economic Rights."

UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath will release a book in memory of Prof. Natraj titled 'Contemporary Development Debates in India,' edited by Prof. Abdul Aziz and Prof. K. Gayathri.

Rameshwari Verma, former Director, Centre for Women Studies, UoM, will preside.

Prof. V.K. Natraj, a distinguished academic in the field of Economics and Development Studies, was associated with the Institute of Development Studies, UoM and was also former Director of Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Staging of plays at Dasara expo

The Dasara Women and Children's Sub-Committee will be organising two plays at P. Kalingarao Rangamantapa in Dasara Exhibition premises from 5 pm to 7 pm tomorrow (Dec. 20). Artistes will perform a play focussing on atrocities against women from 5 pm to 6 pm, followed by a play on the 5 Guarantees of State Government from 6 pm to 7 pm, according to a press release from Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA).

Mahila Utsava at Dasara expo

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has organised 'Mahila Utsava' at Dasara Exhibition premises from 4 pm to 9.30 pm on Dec. 21. Women entrepreneurs can exhibit and sell their products at the Utsava. As part of the event, mehendi art and fireless cooking contests have been organised. Interested women can register their names at the KEA Office before 6 pm on Dec. 20. For details, contact Mob: 97396-88114 or 99806-57633.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the city's Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha will be held at 11 am on Dec. 21 at the Sabha premises located at Kalyana Bhavan on Thyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla. The AGM will be chaired by the Sabha President N. Srinivas. For details, contact Mob: 94496-06311 according to a press release.

Grievances meet

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be holding its 3rd quarterly public grievances meet at T. Narasipur taluk Sub-Divisional Offices on Dec. 20. **Bannur Sub-Divisional Office (11 am):** Bannur, Athahalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra, Beedanahalli, Hanumanalu, Kodagahalli, B.C. Halli, Heggur, Maliyuru, Turaganur, Ankanahalli, Chidravalli, Chamanahalli & Makanahalli. **T. Narasipur Sub-Divisional Office (3 pm):** Bhyrapura, Kiragasuru, Gargeshwari, Hosakote, Tumbla, Moguru, Vatalu, Kothegala, Alagudu, Kurahatti, Madapura, Hemmige, T. Doddapura, Kaliyuru, Talakadu, B.C. Halli, Holesalu, Benakanahalli, Doddebagilu, Kolathur, Muttalawadi, Somanathapura, Sosale, Ukkalagere and B. Shettahalli. Consumers may attend the meeting and air their grievances, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

CM's MUDA 50:50 site case

Court raps Lokayukta Police over delay in final report

Mysuru Lokayukta SP directed to produce case diary; hearing posted for Dec. 23

Bengaluru, Dec. 19 (BCT)- The Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru on Wednesday pulled up the Mysuru Lokayukta Police for failing to submit the final investigation report in the multi-crore Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case, which involves allegations that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah illegally obtained 14 sites from MUDA in the 50:50 ratio scheme.

Despite earlier directions to file the final 'B-Report' by Dec. 18, the Lokayukta Police submitted only an interim progress report. Questioning the delay, Judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat was told that prosecution sanctions against certain officials were still pending, preventing the submission of the final report.

During the hearing, the Lokayukta Police admitted that

the final report was incomplete, with only about half of it prepared so far. The Court adjourned the matter to Dec. 23.

The Court also directed the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) to produce the case diary. SPP Venkatesh Arabatti submitted that the report could be filed in a sealed cover if additional time was granted. However, complainant Snehamayi Krishna objected, alleging an attempt to mislead the Court.

10 of 11 cases still pending

Lokayukta Superintendent of Police (SP) T.J. Udesh appeared before the Court and placed a status report detailing the progress of the investigation so far. According to the report, investigations in 10 of the 11 cases arising from the MUDA matter are still pending, while a charge sheet has been prepared only in the 11th case, pertaining to former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar.

Udesh informed the Court that prior sanction for prosecution had been sought against certain officials, but the absence of approval from the State Government had stalled the filing of the final report.

Snehamayi Krishna alleged that no meaningful investigation had been conducted and claimed that the accused were being shielded. He further contended that no witnesses had been examined despite specific directions from the Court.

Countering these allegations, the SPP said the State was prepared to submit the final report in a sealed cover and file compact disc (CD) records to substantiate the credibility of the investigation.

Observing that no order could be passed in the absence of a final report, the Court deferred orders on the petitions challenging the Lokayukta B-Report and the clean chit given to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and three others to Dec. 23. The Judge clarified that an order could not be issued on the basis of a partial report.

"Since the investigating agency has not placed any material with respect to further investigation, the Court will have to proceed based on the report already filed before this Court," the Special Court said while seeking the case diary files.

Feeding pigeons in public attracts punitive action

Health and Family Welfare Minister announces regulatory guidelines; levying of fine, six-month jail sentence for guilty

Bengaluru, Dec. 19 (Agencies)- Henceforth, if you feed pigeons in public places, be ready to cough up the fine amount and serve the jail sentence.

The State Health and Family Welfare Department, has drafted guidelines to regulate the practice of feeding pigeons in public places. Any violation of norms, will be taken into cognisance with utmost seriousness and a case will be booked under Sections 270, 271 and 272 under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The guilty will be liable to pay the fine and face punitive action, serving imprisonment up to six months.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, has shared on his 'X' handle, how the pigeon droppings is causing infection and respiratory related health issues among vulnerable persons. The increase in number of bird lovers feeding pigeons in public places, has added to the surge in number of pigeons. On the flip side, people are feeling inconvenienced, due to unhygienic atmosphere, taking a toll on their health. Taking a serious note of the same, State Health and Family Welfare Department has introduced new guidelines to regulate the activity.

This follows, a letter written by former Law Minister and Rajajinagar MLA S. Suresh Kumar to the Commissioner of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) on Nov. 3 this year, flagging health concerns. The Health Minister and Principal Secretary of Health Department, had found substance in the views expressed by Suresh Kumar, during the winter session of State Legislature at Belagavi, assuring to issue an order in this regard.

It may be mentioned that, several of the organisations in Mysuru, especially State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu (Kautilya), had spearheaded the cause, forcing the District Administration to ban the practice of feeding pigeons in front of the North Gate of Mysore Palace, near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

Bank merger woes: Railway pensioners seek speedy relief

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (MTY&DM)- Railway pensioners have flagged difficulties in pension disbursal following Public Sector Bank mergers and sought timely delivery of due benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

Presiding over the Pensioners' Day programme organised by Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association at SC/ST Railway Employees' Association Office on Sheshadri Iyer Road recently, Association President Parthasarathy said pensioners and their family members must be aware of the procedures for availing pensions and related facilities.

He pointed out that many pensioners are facing problems in receiving pensions in certain banks, while others were facing delays in disbursement. "In this backdrop, it is essential for pensioners and their family members to stay updated on the correct procedures to ensure timely receipt of pension," he said.

Parthasarathy attributed the difficulties to technical issues arising from the merger of banks, which he said has caused severe inconvenience to pensioners and urged the authorities concerned to address these issues at the earliest.

He also noted that Pensioners' Day is observed to commemorate the Supreme Court's December 17, 1982 order, which directed that pension be paid based on the last salary drawn by an employee before retirement.

Obituary

Shantha

Mysuru, Dec. 19- Shantha (84), wife of K. Govindaraju and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, son Girish, daughter Jayashri, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic signal needed at Vijaya Bank Circle

Sir,

This concerns the newly completed Nijalingappa Circle (formerly Vijaya Bank Circle) at the Saraswathipuram-Kuvempunagar junction.

It is a heavy-traffic zone located in a densely populated residential area.

The following crossings are frequently used by residents: Kantharaj Urs Road and Vishwamanava Double Road.

As a resident who must cross these junctions daily, I have narrowly escaped being hit by speeding vehicles several times. Our elderly neighbours and young children have faced similar frightening experiences.

We are forced to look anxiously in all directions to ensure no vehicle is speeding towards us, often jumping out of harm's way at the last moment. Is this how one should live in a city known for its heritage and quality of life?

As the safety of residents in this thickly populated area is at serious risk, I request the authorities concerned in the Traffic Department to treat this as an urgent matter and install traffic signals with dedicated pedestrian crossing lights to allow safe passage across the junction.

—Dr. Nasheed
Saraswathipuram
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Special athlete's special achievement

City's Bharathi defies cerebral palsy to win silver at Para Youth Asian Games

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (VNS)- Just as our women's blind cricket team made the country proud by winning the first ever Blind Women's T20 World Cup held in Sri Lanka recently, Mysuru city's **B. Bharathi** also etched her name in the record books by winning a silver medal at the recently concluded Para Youth Asian Games held at Dubai.

Bharathi, who has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy since childhood, took part in shot put, long jump and 100 mts sprint at Para Youth Asian Games. While she ended up winning a silver medal in the long jump, she broke the national record in 100 mts sprint and secured 4th place in shot put at the event.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Bharathi said she was inspired by her father Bharathesh, a professional cyclist, to take up sports.

"My father used to take me to Chamundi Vihar Stadium for practice every day which pushed me participate in sports events. My aim is to represent the State at the senior-level and the country in Paralympics," she added.

After being selected for the Para Youth Asian Games, Bharathi had shifted to Bengaluru for about six months to prepare for the games. "Every day I used to get up at 5 am and practice for about three hours in the morning and three hours again in the evening. Our session included on-field practice in the morning and gym sessions in the evening," said Bharathi.

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Bharathesh said Bharathi was diagnosed for cerebral palsy since her birth but had the resilience to fight and emerge victorious at sports events.

"Bharathi took up sports in 2022 and since then she has been performing at highest level in all three events," he added.

Currently studying first year B.Com at GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College in city, Bharathi is the elder daughter of Bharathesh and Usha, residents of Metagalli.

Malabar's Brides of India campaign

Mysuru, Dec. 19- Every Indian bride carries with her a world of emotions — the rituals she has grown up watching, the culture she belongs to, the memories she holds close and the jewellery that becomes part of her identity on one of the most important days of her life.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the world, has long understood the significance of bridal jewellery in India's rich cultural fabric.

By marking a major milestone, Mysore Malabar Gold & Diamonds has unveiled the 15th edition of its flagship 'Brides of India' Campaign.

The event was attended by key guests, including customers and designers — Neha, Reshma Taj, Ibbi, Iqra Khan, Pooja Gowda and Shiraj. Also present were Assistant Store Head Mohammad Anshaj, Deputy Store Head Dayanand and the management team.

M.P. Ahammed, Chairman, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, said, "Each year, the Brides of India Campaign is our tribute to the brides of this country, and the 15th edition marks a significant milestone for us. We have highlighted how brides honour tradition while bringing their own expression to it. This edition celebrates the depth of those traditions — the memories, rituals and relationships that define her. With Malabar's commitment to transparency and quality assurance, we want every family to feel confident in choosing jewellery that is meaningful and trustworthy."

What makes the collection even more special is its pan-India accessibility, allowing any bride, anywhere, to choose jewellery from any cultural style. A bride in Chennai can opt for an elaborate Rajasthani polki set, just as a bride in Delhi can bring home temple jewellery from South.

The 2025 edition brings together some of Malabar's signature bridal lines, including the Divine Collection inspired by Indian heritage and temple art, the gemstone-rich Precia Collection featuring rubies, emeralds and sapphires and the contemporary yet tradition-rooted Diamond Collection which blends radiant diamonds with motifs drawn from India's cultural landscape.

'Kala Sambhrama' at Dasara Exhibition

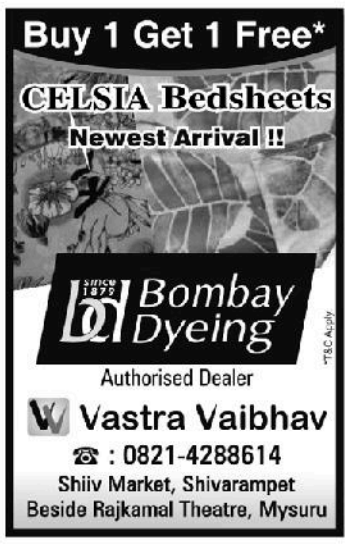
Mysuru, Dec. 19 (VVH & DM)- The Dasara Fine Arts and Crafts Sub-Committee has organised a 4-day 'Kala Sambhrama' at B.V. Karanth Rangamantapa, Dasara Expo Grounds from Dec. 20 to 23.

Dec. 20: Painting and Clay artworks contests; Folk songs by Manjula and team.

Dec. 21: Inauguration of Artworks expo, Chitra Santhe, cultural programmes; Kavya Kuncha Gayana by Nitin and team and students of Kalaniketana College at 7 pm.

Dec. 22: Expo of artworks, Dance by Maharani's College students, Dance and Songs by High School students and Yoga Dance by True Foundation, Nanjangud at 7 pm.

Dec. 23: Expo of artworks, 'Raga Drushya - Ranga Sangama' by Sutra Foundation at 7 pm. For details, contact Mob: 78994-81039.



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A new lifeline for mentally-ill destitutes

Emergency Care Centre at K.R. Hospital Stone Building; inauguration tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (RK&BS)- To ensure proper care for destitute persons suffering from mental illness and abandoned by their families, the Department of Health and Family Welfare is establishing Emergency Care and Recovery Centres (ECRC) across all districts in the State.

In Mysuru, the ECRC has been set up at Ward No. 2 on the ground floor of the Surgical Building at the K.R. Hospital premises.

It has been established by Department of Health and Family Welfare under the Mental Health and Brain Health initiative in association with Mysuru District Administration, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and NGO Aaladamara Foundation.

The Centre has facilities to accommodate and treat 15 men and 15 women with beds and other essential equipment provided.

The ECRC is already operational in seven districts across the State and nine more centres will be established during the current financial year.

Inauguration tomorrow

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao will inaugurate the Mysuru centre tomorrow (Dec. 20) virtually from Bengaluru. Aaladamara Foundation, which has been working with homeless and destitute persons suffering from mental illness, has been entrusted with implementing the project.

Under the 'Back to Home' concept, treated patients will be reunited with their families. In cases where families are unwilling to accept them, arrangements will be made for hostel care or rented accommodation, along with livelihood support of at least Rs. 10,000 per month.

Vocational training

The project also envisages skill development through certificate programmes leading to employment opportunities. Destitute persons possessing Aadhaar cards, voter IDs, ration cards and those with physical disabilities are eligible for vocational training under the scheme. Apart from treatment and medication, the Centre will provide food, regular counselling and nursing care. Psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and nurses will render services in three shifts.

10,000 to 15,000 destitutes in city

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy said that, according to the latest survey, there is one destitute person for every 500 people, indicating that Mysuru city alone has between 10,000 and 15,000 destitute persons.

About 25 percent of them suffer from mental health issues. "Due to behavioural problems, many are abandoned and forced to live on the streets. Lifestyle changes and dietary habits are major contributors and early intervention is crucial," he said.

KR Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.P. Shobha said that Ward No. 2 at the Stone Building has been allotted for the ECRC which will function in collaboration with Aaladamara Foundation.

District Mental Health Programme Implementation Officer Dr. B. Brinda said that patients suffering from depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, mood disorders and other severe mental illnesses will receive treatment at the Centre. One health worker will be deputed for every 10 patients, with three staff members and three nurses on duty in each shift.

Mysuru jail to get high-tech upgrade

Real-time inmate tracking, biometric calling and cashless canteens

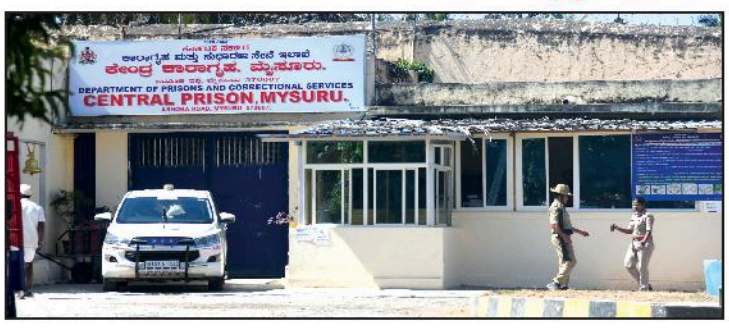
AI-based trial run held on Dec. 17; tenders to be floated after approval

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (AG&BCT)- In a major move to strengthen prison security and enhance transparency, the Karnataka Government is rolling out a technology-driven prison management system across nine major prisons in the State, including the Central Prison in Mysuru.

Alok Kumar

The digital overhaul will feature real-time inmate movement tracking, cashless canteen systems and QR code-based biometric prisoner phone calling kiosks. The system will be implemented at prisons in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Ballari, Belagavi, Dharwad, Vijayapura, Shivamogga and Bidar.

The initiative follows explosive revelations of alleged preferential treatment and illegal activities at Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. Viral videos showing inmates allegedly accessing banned items and enjoying VIP-like facilities triggered public outrage, prompting the Government to constitute a High-Power Committee to review prison conditions. The committee subsequently recommended a comprehensive digital revamp.



Trial runs at Mysuru jail

Director General of Police (Prisons and Correctional Services) Alok Kumar told *Star of Mysore* yesterday that a biometric-based inmate movement tracking system would be introduced. Every inmate's movement — between barracks, blocks, common areas, hospitals and interview rooms — will be logged in real time.

Trial runs have already been conducted at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, while a trial was held at Central Prison Mysuru on Dec. 17. It may be recalled that the DGP had conducted a surprise inspection of the Mysuru jail on the same day.

"Live dashboards will display inmate locations and headcounts, while alerts will be generated for delayed returns from parole, furlough, Court appearances or hospital referrals. The system will also maintain detailed movement histories to help prevent escapes and unauthorised access," Alok Kumar said.

He added that once the trials are completed and data generated through Artificial Intelligence-based systems is analysed, a detailed report will be submitted to the Government. Upon approval, tenders will be floated for full-scale implementation.

Biometric calling kiosks

As part of the plan, 115 biometric calling kiosks will be installed across prisons, with Mysuru set to receive 10 kiosks. Inmates will be allowed to make phone calls only after fingerprint and facial recognition authentication.

Calls will be restricted to pre-approved (whitelisted) numbers and will be centrally monitored. Prison authorities will have access to real-time call logs, recordings and dashboards to prevent misuse. The system is designed to support up to 300 concurrent calls.

"We want to enhance transparency and technology will bring neutrality. Human intervention often introduces bias and in some cases even genuine prisoners do not get a chance to make phone calls to relatives," Alok Kumar said.

Cashless prison canteens

Another key component of the overhaul is the introduction of cashless, biometric-enabled canteens. Inmates will be provided with biometric wallets, enabling them to purchase approved items through fingerprint authentication at point-of-sale devices.

Relatives will be able to top up inmate wallets online, with spending limits enforced in accordance with prison rules. The system will also manage inventory, billing, audits and stock reconciliation, significantly reducing the scope for corruption and misuse by eliminating cash transactions.

Alok Kumar said the technology upgrade aims to minimise human intervention, improve accountability and curb illegal activities inside prisons. The system will also integrate advanced security and monitoring tools, including alerts for suspicious activity.

"The objective is to bring uniformity, transparency and accountability in prison administration. We will also deploy an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) to track attempts to throw narcotics over prison walls or escape," he added.

Minor riding case: Court slaps Rs. 25,000 fine on parent

Underage riding cases cross 50 in five Traffic Police Stations; City Top Cop appeals to parents

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (RK&KS)- The Second Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court in the city has imposed a fine of Rs. 25,000 on a two-wheeler owner for allowing his minor son to ride the vehicle on a public road.

The case was detected by Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Sub-Inspector K.S. Ganesh during routine patrolling on Akkamahadevi Road in J.P. Nagar, where he found a minor riding a two-wheeler.

The Sub-Inspector stopped the vehicle, verified the rider's age, seized the two-wheeler and later summoned the owner to the Police station. A report was subsequently submitted to the II JMFC Court.

Taking cognisance of the offence, the Court fined the vehicle owner Rs. 25,000 for permitting a minor to ride the two-wheeler and cautioned him against repeating such violations.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar appealed to parents and the public not to give vehicles to underage children, stating that it is a criminal offence and poses a serious risk not only to minors but also to innocent road users.

"This year alone, around 10 such cases each have been registered at five Traffic Police Stations across the city," she said.

Past incidents

Citing past incidents, the Police Commissioner recalled that about five years ago, a minor who had come to his grandparents' house at Dattagalli for summer vacation lost his life after crashing a two-wheeler into a tree.

In another case, a minor driving a car rammed into a two-wheeler near Dandi Maramma Road on the Mysuru–Bengaluru Road, killing three members of a family on the spot.

She said a case was registered against an Assistant Sales Manager of a car company for allowing his minor son to drive a car brought for customer trials, which led to the fatal accident. While the minor was sent to a boys' remand home, his father was remanded to judicial custody.

According to traffic rules and Supreme Court directions, it is a criminal offence to allow minors or persons without a valid driving licence to drive or ride vehicles. In such cases, the Police are required to register a case against the vehicle owner and seize the vehicle, even if no accident has occurred.

Murder for silver

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Further investigation revealed that Arjun had planned to steal the silver bars. On April 26, 2022, while Govinda was asleep, Arjun struck him on the head seven to eight times with a wooden plank, killing him.

To make the murder appear accidental, he placed the ceiling fan on Govinda's head before fleeing to his native village in Rajasthan with the silver bars.

Chargesheet, trial

The then Lashkar Inspector P.P. Santosh conducted the investigation and filed a charge sheet against Arjun. After the trial, Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar found the accused guilty and sentenced him to rigorous life imprisonment under Sections 302 (murder) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The Court also imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000.

In default of payment of the fine, the convict will have to serve additional one year of imprisonment. The Court further sentenced him to three years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 3,000 for destruction of evidence, with an additional three months of simple imprisonment on failing to pay the fine.

Public Prosecutor T.H. Lolakshi appeared for the State.

Mysuru youth arrested for chain snatching in Pandavapura

Gold chains weighing 47 grams, two-wheeler worth about Rs. 5.6 lakh recovered

Pandavapura, Dec. 19 (RK&KS)- The Pandavapura Police have arrested a youth from Mysuru on charges of snatching a gold chain from a woman on the pretext of seeking drinking water. The Police have recovered gold jewellery and seized the two-wheeler used in the crime.

The arrested accused has been identified as Darshan, a native of Chakkuru village in H.D. Kote taluk, who is currently residing at Hootagalli in Mysuru.

The incident occurred on Dec. 7, when Darshan allegedly approached Jayamma, who was sitting in front of her house, under the pretext of asking for drinking water and snatched her 10-gram gold mangalya chain before fleeing the spot on his two-wheeler.

A special Police team led by Pandavapura Inspector Sharath Kumar was formed. Based on technical inputs and field-level evidence, the team traced the accused within 24 hours and arrested him on Dec. 8.

Following the arrest and based on information provided by the accused, the Police recovered a total of 47 grams of gold and seized the two-wheeler used in the offence. The recovered property is valued at Rs. 5.6 lakh.

National Herald case

Congress workers' bid to lay siege to BJP office foiled

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (VNS&MK)- Members of District and City Congress Committee staged a protest in front of Ramaswamy Circle against BJP, accusing the Central Government of misusing probe agencies, after a Delhi Court refused to take cognisance of money laundering charges made by Enforcement Directorate (ED) against Congress leaders and MPs Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case, this morning.

The Congress party workers, who took out a protest march from Ramaswamy Circle also tried to lay a siege on Mysuru City and District BJP office in Chamarajapuram but were stopped by the Police near Gita Road junction.

However, a few of Congress workers managed to force through the barricades but the Police managed to stop them near the Sri Rama Temple located close to the BJP office. They took all the protestors into preventive custody.

KNC School to celebrate Annual Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 19 - KNC Innovative Global School, Mysuru, will celebrate its 12th Annual Day on Dec. 20 at KSOU Convocation Hall in two sessions:

1st Session: Montessori-1, 2, 3, & Grade-1 & 2 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Dr. J. Shivananda Manohar, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, JSSMC & Hospital, Mysuru will be the chief guest.

2nd Session: Grade-3 to 10 from 3.30 pm to 8 pm.

Prof. Preeth Padmanabhan Nambiar, Author, Educationist & Humanitarian, Mysuru will be the chief guest.

Dr. K.N.Chandrashekar, KAS, Founder & Chairman KNCIGS & PU College, Mysuru will preside.

Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, Dec. 19- Owing to emergency maintenance works at Jyothinagar Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply on Dec. 23 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Alanahalli, Giridarshini Layout, Police Layout 1st and 2nd Stages, Netajinagar, KSRTC Layout, Nandini Layout 1st and 2nd Stages, Lalitha Mahal Hotel and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

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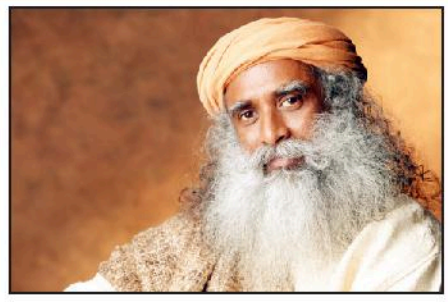


How to turn... LONELINESS ...into BLISS

Sadhguru: People must decide whether freedom or bondage is the highest value in their life. The problem is that for most people, if they are free, they feel lost. For example, if they were in the empty space of the mountains with no one around them, they wouldn't feel free — they would think they were lost.

Most people cannot handle freedom because to handle freedom, you need a certain clarity and strength. People are always trying to bind themselves, but they talk about freedom all the time. If you really set them free, they will suffer immensely. This is an evolutionary issue, in the sense, human beings are like a caged bird right now. If you keep a bird caged for a long period of time and then take the door off the cage one day, the bird will still not fly away. From inside, it will protest that it is not free but it will not fly away. The human condition is just like that.

Let us look at what needs to happen if you want to be free. What you need to understand is that all human experience has a chemical basis to it. What you call as joy, misery, stress, anxiety, agony and ecstasy are different kinds of chemistry. At least ecstasy you know is another kind of chemistry. Your experience of life has a chemical basis to it. In other words, what you call as yourself right now is a chemical soup. The question is, are you a great soup or a lousy soup?

Right now, if you have a chemistry of blissfulness, then whether someone is around or not around, it is fantastic because your experience of life is no longer determined by what you have and what you do not have. Once your way of being is not determined by anything outside of you, there is no such thing as loneliness.

Simple tips to make joy your constant companion:

Keep accounts of your joyfulness

In business, only one who keeps accounts knows whether he or she is making money or going down. Similarly, you must maintain an account — "How many moments of joy did I have today?" We are not using joy as a goal. Joy does not mean that you attained to something. Joy is a measure — it simply means life has come to ease, you are not messing yourself up. Every day, if you keep accounts, you will see that no matter what the hell happens in life situations, you will not go down.

Wake up with a smile

When you get up in the morning, the first thing you should do is smile because just the fact that you woke up is not a small thing. Thousands of people who slept last night did not wake up today. So smile because you woke up. For millions of people, someone dear to them did not wake up this morning. Everyone who is dear to you woke up — Wow! It's a great day, isn't it? You may think this is ridiculous, but this is the most valuable thing — that you are alive and everything that matters to you is alive. Appreciate it and smile at least.

Remember it's a brief life

A significant thing every human being has to do is structure their psychological and emotional framework around the most fundamental fact of their life — their mortality. You need to celebrate and enjoy every moment of your life because life does not wait for you even for a moment You are mortal and it is ticking away. So there is no time for frustration, depression, anxiety, anger or for any unpleasantness in this life.

Become love

For 5 minutes every day, sit with something that does not mean anything to you — may be a tree, a pebble, a worm or an insect. After some time, you will find you can look upon it with as much love as you hold for your wife, husband, mother, child or dog. May be the worm does not know this, the insect does not know this — that does not matter. If you can look at everything lovingly the whole world explodes into a beautiful phenomenon for you. You realise love is not something that you do, it is the way you are.

Meditation

We can give you a simple, 12-minute meditation called Isha Kriya. It is available online and as an app. It gives you this possibility that if you simply sit here, there is a little space between you and your body, you and your mind and between you and the world. Once you create this space within you, once you know what is you and what is not you, that is the end of suffering. When there is no fear of suffering, you will be able to look at everything with utmost clarity and address every issue to the best of your intelligence and capability. Situations will never overwhelm you.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

Alliance Club Regional conference

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (MK&DM)- The Association of Alliance Club International -District 255 will be holding a Regional Conference (1&2) at Sri Ananteshwara Sabha Bhavan in Hootagalli on Hunsur Road here from 8.30 am onwards tomorrow (Dec. 20).

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, the Club's Regional President Shobha Siri Balu said the stage programme will commence at 9.30 am, during which a talk on the topic 'Cancer is a gift of modernity' and cultural programmes will take place.

The event will also feature a free health check-up camp at 1.30 pm, a photo exhibition on cancer and providing financial support to a cancer patient.

SVEI Educational Institutions President M.K. Potharaju, senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Sugama Sangeetha Parishat President Dr. Nagaraj V.Bairy, Prof. Suttur S. Malini, S. Venkatesh and others will take part.

6-A-side Kids Hockey Tournament

Bengaluru, Dec. 19- Jayanagara Kodava Sangha President and Sports Committee has organised 6-A-side Kids Hockey Tournament to commemorate 100 glorious years of Indian Hockey on **Dec. 21** at Turf City, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru.

The tournament will be inaugurated by chief guest V.R. Raghunath, Indian Hockey Player, Olympian and Arjuna Awardee, at 9 am.

Kottangada N. Joyappa, Sub-Junior Karnataka Hockey Player and Kangira Bheemaiah, Chairman, Kodava Samaja Legal Cell, will be the guests of honour.

The Hockey Tournament will be for those children aged 8 to 13 years.

Prizes will be presented by chief guest Chiriapanda Suresh Nanjappa, President, Kodava Samaja, Bengaluru, at a ceremony to be held at 3 pm.

Mallengada S. Muthanna, Joint Treasurer, Kodava Samaja, Bengaluru, will be guest of honour.

Elusive tiger finally rescued in Gundlupet

Big cat was trapped in the combing operation assisted by trained elephants

Gundlupet, Dec. 19- A tiger, that had created a havoc among the villagers at Bommalapura and surroundings in Gundlupet taluk for the past one year, was finally captured by the Forest Department recently.

A team of Forest personnel consisting veterinarians and sharp shooters, assisted by domesticated elephants Masti, Kanjan and Prashanth, who have expertise in combing operations, tranquillised the tiger near Samadhi Mala (Graveyard) in Bommalapura village, during the late-night hours of Wednesday. The big cat was later shifted to the cage.

The four-year old male tiger, had been targeting livestock while grazing at Bommalapura and surrounding villages. Following complaints, the Forest Department had kept the cage to trap the tiger. But, the tiger had turned elusive, hoodwinking Forest personnel on guard. The enraged villagers, had allegedly trapped the Forest Department personnel in the cage, as a mark of protest, that had hit the headlines.

Strangely, the movement of tiger was not caught on any camera traps. However recently, the tiger was caught on camera, when it was taking away the carcass of a livestock it had killed. Following which, drone camera was deployed, only to spot the tiger hiding behind the bushes at the graveyard on Wednesday evening.

The elephants were summoned and subsequently the combing operation was launched at about 11 pm. Fire crackers were burst, to restrain the movement of the tiger and was covered by trained elephants from three sides, before the big cat was trapped.

To enable smooth operation, the District Administration had clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144. Gundlupet Town Circle Inspector N. Jayakumar, supervised the bandobast.

Over 100 Forest personnel from Hediyala and Bandipur Sub-Divisions led by Tahsildar M.S. Thanmay, Project Tiger Director S. Prabhakaran and staff, including Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) personnel, took part in the operation.

'After 2017 forest fire, tiger had shifted to buffer zone'

S. Prabhakaran, Director of Project Tiger, Bandipur said, the tiger, which had strayed out of Bandipur Forest, following forest fire at Kundakere Range in the year 2017, had found its new habitat in the buffer zone.

The tiger had increased its population to five, which had sparked fears at the villages namely Hundipura, Bommalapura, Somanapura, Triyambakapura, Mallammanahundi, Kelsur, Padagur, Kallalli and surroundings, by claiming the lives of hundreds of livestock.

On Nov. 10, a tigress was rescued along with three of its cubs near Padagur.

Now, another tiger has been captured. The health condition of tiger, is being monitored and it shall be released into the wild after taking into consideration the opinions of Veterinarians and Forest Officers, he added.

ACF lists reasons for man-animal conflict

ACF G. Ravindra delivering a lecture on wildlife conservation at Central Library in People's Park here yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 19 (VVH&BS)- Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) G. Ravindra, has opined that the increase in number of houses and resorts in the green belt inside forests, in violation of norms, is the main reason for man-animal conflict.

He was delivering a special lecture on conservation of wildlife, organised by the Department of Public Library, at City Central Library in People's Park here yesterday.

ACF Ravindra said, while there is an increase in number of tigers and elephants and the Forest Department duly safeguarding the wildlife, there has been houses and resorts construction activities beyond the green line, leading to man-animal conflicts.

The animals won't stay in particular or restricted areas. While tigers move out to mark their territory, the elephants and leopards stray into human habitats in search of food. When the humans resort to scare away such animals, they retaliate and attack, the minimum knowledge, people should be aware of, he added.

"Now, the unabated misusing of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has turned into a bigger menace for the Forest Department, with morphed videos being created and shared on social media, showing wild animals straying into the city. Action will be taken against the pranksters," warned ACF Ravindra.

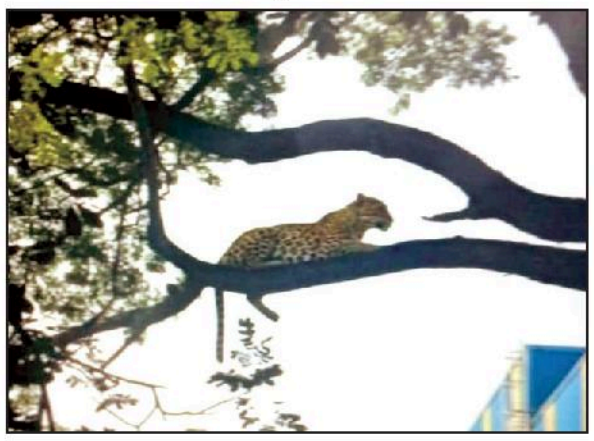
Awareness should be created among the students and public about legal matters and action they have to face for disturbing law and order. The public should have an understanding of such complex matters, he said.

Dr. Honnavalli N. Kumar, Principal Scientist, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Tamil Nadu, said, he has dedicated 30 years of his life in the study of wildlife. The conservation of wildlife is the duty of all and every public should discharge his duties responsibly.

Prof. Mewa Singh from Department of Psychology, University of Mysore, Deputy Director of City Central Library B. Manjunath, Deputy Director of Rural Central Library Suma Prakash and H.N. Kumar were present.

DCF warns of legal action against circulating AI photos of wild animals

Photos of leopard on tree and drinking water are fake



Mysuru, Dec. 19 (MTY&KS)- Photos of a leopard sitting on a tree near Railway Workshop in Ashokapuram and a leopard drinking water in a residential area, which are being widely circulated in various social media platforms, are fake and generated through Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) K. Paramesh said that false news about wild animals being spotted in city has increased in recent days and AI generated photos showing tigers and leopard in urban habitat are being circulated widely on social media, which is creating a sense of fear among the public.

The DCF has warned of initiating legal action against those circulating such AI-generated photos and has asked the public to inform the Forest Department if they come across such photos so that the officials can verify whether the photos are genuine or AI generated.

DCF Paramesh said that complaints would be lodged and legal action will be taken against perpetrators.

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ಡಾ॥ ಶ್ರೀ ನಾಗಣ್ಣ, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಭಾರತೀಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭವನ ರವರು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನವಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಇಲವಾಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಇಲವಾಲ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸ.ನಂ.241/1ಎ, 241/1ಬಿ ಮತ್ತು 241/1ಸಿ ರ ಒಟ್ಟು 02 ಎಕರೆ 34 ಗುಂಟೆ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಇಲವಾಲ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಪತ್ರಿನ ನಿರ್ಧರಣಾ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:2229, 2229/1, 2229/2 ರ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 11321.18 ಚ.ಮೀ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶದ ಕಟ್ಟಿಡ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಇಲವಾಲ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ರವರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದ ನಕ್ಷೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಕಟ್ಟಿದದ ನಕ್ಷೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನೀಡುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಯಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆದರಂತೆ, ಕಟ್ಟಿಡದ ನಕ್ಷೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನೀಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ನಗರ ಯೋಜಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570005 ಇವರಿಗೆ ಮುದ್ರಾಂ ಅಥವಾ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಆಂಚೆ ಮೂಲಕ ತಲುಪಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗಧಿತ ಅವಧಿ ಮೀರಿದ ನಂತರ, ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಗರ ಯೋಜಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರು,
ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

Weekend Music Concerts
at Mysore Vasudevacharya's house

Jayanth *Varalakshmi* *Shubhang* *Rangan Brothers* *Prithvi* *Ganesha*

Mysuru, Dec. 19- The heritage house of Mysore Vasudevacharya, near Agrahara, in city will be hosting two music concerts during the weekend.

Vid. Jayanth Krishnamurthi, now settled in the United States, will be presenting a vocal concert on **Saturday (Dec. 20) at 10.30 am.** He will be accompanied by Vidu. R. Varalakshmi on violin and Vid. B.S. Shubhang on mridanga.

Rangan Brothers — Raghuveer and Narayan — from Melbourne, Australia, will be presenting a Karnatak vocal duet on **Sunday (Dec. 21) at 10 am.** They will be supported by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin and Vid. Ganesha Ragavan on mridanga.

PROFILES

Vid. Jayanth began training in Karnatak music under Anandhi Venkat and continued under late Padma Srinivasan from New Jersey, USA. He trained under *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Dr. S. Sowmya for many years and also received training from O.S. Thyagarajan. He is currently a disciple of Gokul Chandramouli Iyer of Maryland, USA. Jayanth has given concerts in the United States and in India (Margazhi Season) over the years. He currently works as an Aerospace Engineer for Lockheed Martin in the US.

Vidu. Varalakshmi, a disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, has received the Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy Scholarship and has been performing at leading Sabhas and organisations for a couple of years now.

Vid. Shubhang, a promising young artiste, has learnt under Vid. Shivashankar Swamy and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan and is presently a disciple of Vid. Delhi Sairam. He is a Software Engineer by profession.

Rangan Brothers were disciples of famed artiste O.S. Thyagarajan since 2010. At childhood, they learnt from their mother Vijayashree and then from Vasumathi Subramanian, Melbourne. Commencing concert performances at an early age, Rangan Brothers regularly perform in reputed Sabhas during the Chennai Music Season and in Australia and NZ. They have a concert experience of over 15 years. They have won many music awards and have been inducted to the Hall of Fame (Live4You) in 2022.

Prithvi, daughter of Vid. H.N. Bhaskar, has been trained by her father and grandparents Vidu. Rajalakshmi and Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy. A graded artiste of Akashvani, she has performed many vocal and violin concerts, and has accompanied senior artistes too.

Vid. Ganesha Ragavan, a senior student of Sridhar Chari, is a highly sought-after mridangist in Melbourne. He has accompanied an extensive roster of artistes at major venues and festivals including the Melbourne Trinity Festival.

Sangeetha Vidyalaya's anniversary

Guru Prabhu Rao

Mysuru, Dec. 19- Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya's second anniversary celebrations and Sangeetha Samaradhane will be held at Rotary West auditorium in Saraswathipuram on Dec. 21 from 9 am to 9 pm.

Karnatak vocalist Vid. Mysore N. Srinath, BAI Cultural Committee President Umesh, theatre artiste & Mysore Mime Team Founder Mime Goutham will be the chief guests. Chamarajanagar's Deenabandhu Trust Secretary G.S. Jayadev will preside.

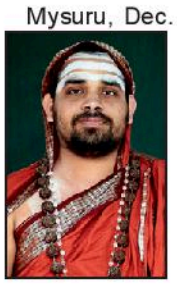
On the occasion, Hindustani Music and Vachana Gayana will be presented by students of Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya, Mysuru & Hunsur and Deenabandhu Ashram.

Pt. Shivananda Herur, Hanumanth Kumar Belagal and H. Rekha Belagal will take part as special guest singers.

They will be accompanied by Kalaburagi's Channaiah Aralagundagi and Mysuru's Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya Guru Prabhu Rao on harmonium, R. Balasubramanya (disciple of Hariprasad Chourasia) on flute, Ramesh Dhannur, Bengaluru's Santhosh Kodli and Bhimashankar Hemanoor on tabla, Indrakumar on keyboard and G. Suresh on rhythm pad.

Contact Mob: 98803-69141.

Sringeri Swamiji's visit to Palace
No entry to visitors tomorrow



Mysuru, Dec. 19- As **Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji** of Sringeri Mutt will be visiting Mysore Palace on Dec. 20 and there will be Shruti Shankara Pathana programme in the Palace premises by Purohits of Sringeri Mutt, the Mysore Palace will remain closed for visitors tomorrow (Dec. 20) between 2 pm and 5.30 pm, according to a press release from Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya.

Bhagini Raaga Sourabha to feature
Karnatak Vocal Concert

Vidu. Medha *Vid. Vedagnya* *Vid. Sunil* *Vid. Sharath*

Mysuru, Dec. 19- BSS Vidyodaya and RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru, in association with Samskara Bharati, will present Bhagini Raaga Sourabha — a sublime evening of Karnatak music featuring vocalist **Vidu. Medha Manjunath** at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram on Dec. 20 from 6 pm onwards.

She will be accompanied by **Vid. Vedagnya Narasimha** on violin, **Vid. Sunil Subramanya** on mridanga and **Vid. Sharath Koushik** on ghata.

For details, contact Koviladi Kala on Mob: 94497-03610.

Profile

Vidu. Medha Manjunath, a gifted Karnatak vocalist originally from Mysuru, began her training under her mother, Meera Manjunath and later honed her artistry with Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma. She is a graded artiste of All India Radio and her musical excellence has earned her numerous recognitions, including the Kalashree Award, the CCRT Scholarship and the Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy Scholarship, as well as representing Karnataka in the National Balashree contest.

Medha has performed at esteemed venues such as the Madras Music Academy and Bangalore Gayana Samaja, participated in the JENESYS Youth Exchange Programme in Japan and made her international concert debut in Singapore and Malaysia in July 2024.

Alongside her performance career, she is pursuing a Ph.D in Music at Jain University and has been a music educator at the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts under the mentorship of Dr. L. Subramaniam since 2019. Her artistic involvement also includes thematic and theatrical productions, notably her role in Vidya Sundari Bengaluru Nagarathnamma, directed by T.S. Nagabharana.

4th Intl. Conference on Shrividya on Dec. 24, 25

Mysuru, Dec. 19- Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation, in association with Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University of Mysore (UoM), has organised 4th International Conference on Shrividya 2025 (Knowledge - Science - Philosophy) at Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri here on Dec. 24 and 25.

Dec. 24

Day-1 will feature 8 sessions on various topics and begins with Veda Ghosham by Srinidhi Bhat & Team, Honnavara, at 8.30 am.

Inauguration Session will be held between 11 am and 12.15 pm. Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, will preside. Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, Dr. K.J. Pampa, Department of Studies in Biotechnology, UoM, Dr. Shrividya Verma (Norway), former Professor, IIT, Bombay, K. Roopa, District & Session Judge, Mysuru and Supriya Manjunath, Director, Panchami Groups & Industrialist, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.

The day will conclude with dance-drama 'Shri Dashavidyamayi Bala - Nrutyapura' by Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna, Mandya and 'Meenakshi Vaibhavam' by Vidu. Manasi, Mysuru, from 7.10 pm onwards.

Dec. 25

Day-2 features 8 sessions on various topics from 8.45 am to 5.30 pm.

Valedictory session will be held from 5.30 pm onwards. Sri Vidyaranya Bharathi Swamiji, Sri Hampi Virupaksha Vidyaranya Mahasamsthanam, Raja Peetham, Hampi and Sri Madhusudananda Swamiji, Peethadhipati, Omkar Ashram, Bengaluru, will grace the occasion.

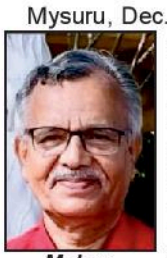
MLAs K. Harishgowda and T.S. Srivatsa, VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath and former MLA H.P. Manjunath will be the chief guests.

Fusion Music Concert

The oil portrait of Shri Anandabhairava and Anandabhairavi will be unveiled on the occasion. It will be followed by Saxophone Fusion Music Concert by Harish Pandav.

For details, contact Mob: 94482-72703 or 80736-18703, according to a press release.

Intl. Nirantara Kalemane Festival on Dec. 21



Mohan Vernekar

Mysuru, Dec. 19- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 66th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage on Dec. 21, commencing at 2.30 pm.

On this occasion, Mohan Vernekar, a distinguished writer and a well-known caricature artiste, will be the chief guest.

Artistes Sridevi Jagannath and Rohini Ananth, arriving from the USA and Dubai, will present the Sattriya dance performance.

It will be followed by Kuchipudi dance performance by Padmashri Balu Uri and her disciples, arriving from Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

Thirdly, Vidu. Seema Krishnan and her disciples, arriving from Bengaluru, will present a Kathak dance performance. Fourthly, Dr. Radhika Kalluray, originally from Mangaluru, along with her disciples, will present a Bharatanatyam dance performance.

Entry to the programme is free.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Avatar: Fire & Ash (K) - 1 Show; *Avatar: Fire & Ash (E)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Padayappa (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 2.05 pm
		6.05 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1.15 pm
	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 8.35 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 2.05 pm
		6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Padayappa (Ta)	(S-3)	9.30 am
Kombuseevi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Vishwaroopini Shree Vasavi (K)	(S-3)	4 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K-3D)	:	10.50 am, 2.15 pm
		4.40 pm, 8.20 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	1 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.30 pm, 4.45 pm
		9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10 am
		10.30 am, 2 pm
		2.30 pm, 6 pm
		6.30 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.40 am, 12.05 pm
		3.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am
		1.15 pm, 1.45 pm
		5.30 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 7.05 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	12.20 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 9.40 am
		10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.40 am, 12.05 pm
		2.45 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.40 pm, 5.55 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	6.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 19)

- **St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Shrine):** 4th edition of Christmas Carnival-2025, Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serro SJ inaugurates, Vicar General Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca and Parish Priest / Rector of St. Philomena's Church Rev. Fr. Alex Prashanth Sequeira will be present, St. Philomena's Church, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Srinivas Bhat's (Cheeni) Theatre Songs by Devanand Varaprasad and Niranthara Team, **5.30 pm;** Theatre Artiste Rajappa Dalavai and Srinivasu Palahalli of Niranthara will take part in the stage programme, **6.15 pm;** Staging of the play 'Prathi Gandharva' by Vrutti Rangabhumi Rangayana, Davanagere, Writer - Rajappa Dalavai, Music - Ravi Mururu and Direction - Malatesh Badiger, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation:** Inauguration of National Puppetry Festival, K.M. Gayathri, Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru, guest of honour, Indira Nair, Senior Theatre Director and Actor, chief guest, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA), Dasara Expo-2025 Cultural Sub-Committee:** Cultural programmes, Sugama Sangeetha by D. Poorvitha and Troupe, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** Saxophone by S.J. Nandan and Troupe, P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara exhibition grounds, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 20)

- **Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, Seshadri Iyer Road:** National Seminar on 'Entrepreneur and Social Science Synergy: Driving Inclusive Sustainable Growth (Hybrid-Mode), Dr. K. Kanishka, Associate Professor, Department of Management, School of Business, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru and Dean and Co-ordinator, St. Joseph's Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry, inaugurates, Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), presides, P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, **10 am.**
- **Music Concert:** Vocal concert by Vid. Jayanth Krishnamurthi (United States), accompanied by Vidu. R. Varalakshmi on violin and Vid. B.S. Shubhang on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, near Agrahara, **10.30 am.**
- **Kodagu Model School and Sri Kavery Kodava Association, Mysuru East:** 17th Annual Day Celebrations, 'Janapadha Loka- The World of Folk Culture', M. Prakash, BEO Mysuru (Rural) and D.N. Geetha, BRC Co-ordinator, Mysore Taluk (Rural), chief guests, Naina Achappa, Principal, Shishya Play School, guest of honour, K.M Belliappa, President, Kodagu Model School, presides, school premises, Vidyashankara Layout, **3 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation:** National Puppetry Festival - Mysore 2025, valedictory of Puppet Workshop, Monnanda Appaiah, Managing Director, Wienerberger India, guest of honour, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-911, story-telling by K.A. Diwakar, retd. Principal, Consultant, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Srirampura, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Endowment Programme, Vachana Competition and Endowment Lecture, Dr. C.G. Ushadevi, retd. Professor, Mysuru, inaugurates and delivers talk on 'Sharanara Parikalpaneyalli Devaru,' Dr. Jayappa Honnali, President, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, presides, Shivappaji, President, Jnanajyoti Pratishtana, will be present, Jnanajyoti Pratishtana, Vidyaranyapuram, **5 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA), Dasara Expo-2025 Cultural Sub-Committee:** Cultural programmes, staging of plays 'Government's 5 Guarantees' & 'Women atrocities' by Vasantha and troupe, **5 pm to 7 pm;** Rasamanjari by Godwin Paul and troupe, P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara exhibition grounds, **7 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Janapada and Tatvapada recital by Devanand Varaprasad and Niranthara Team, **5.30 pm;** Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi, Professor, Maharaja's College and Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will take part in the stage programme, **6.15 pm;** Staging of the play 'Goruru' (based on Goruru Ramaswamy Iyengar's 'Namma Oorina Rasikaru' and other works) by Niranthara, Mysuru, Music: Digvijaya Heggodu, Theatre Adaptation, Design and Direction: Manjunath L. Badiger, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru & Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru:** 162nd Cultural Outreach Programme, Folk Songs Programme by Dr. Appagere Thimmaraju, accompanied by Vanitha, Divya and Megha as co-singers, Raghu on tabla, Punyesh on harmonium, Punith on flute, Kiran on dholak and Gurudath on tala gejje, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Buddhidanandaji speaks on 'Narada Bhakti Sutras' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya, RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru and Samskara Bharati:** Bhagini Raaga Sourabha, vocal concert by Vidu. Medha Manjunath, accompanied by Vid. Vedagnya Narasimha on violin, Vid. Sunil Subramanya on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust (SSAT), Mysuru:** Mishra Madhurya - Musical Evening, Trust Hon. President T.R. Harish chief guest, felicitation to Kannada Rajyotsava awardees Amshi Prasannakumar and Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao; Trust President K. Nagaraj presides, Trust Founder H.R. Leelavathi will be present, vocal recital by Nithin Rajaram Shastri and Sridevi Manjunath accompanied by Sumeer Rao on flute, Purushothama Kiragasuru on keyboard, C.S. Vedashri on veena, Atmarao Nayak on tabla, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10.30 am
		2.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		10.30 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-2D)	:	9.20 am
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K-2D)	:	1.20 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.45 am, 12.05 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.55 pm
		10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.40 am, 1.50 pm, 5.20 pm
		6 pm, 10.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-2D)	:	9 am
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.40 am, 10.40 am
		1.50 pm, 6 pm
		9.40 pm, 10.10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	12.55 pm, 2.50 pm
		6.15 pm, 10.20 pm
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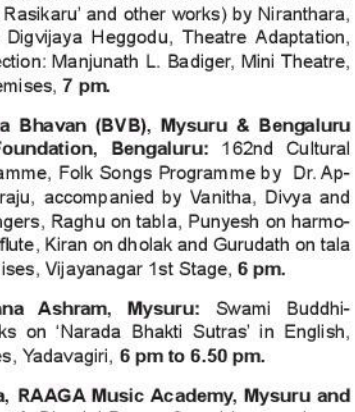

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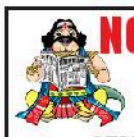
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